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wherein x is an integer from 0 to about 5, y is an integer from 1 to about 49, z is an integer from 1 to about 49 and the sum of $x + y + z$ is equal to 3 to about 50; R^1 is an alkyl, an alicyclic or an alkylalicyclic radical having from about 4 to about 30 carbon atoms or an alkylaryl where the alkyl group is from about 4 to about 30 carbon atoms; R^2 and R^3 each is different and is an alkyl group of from 1 to 4 carbon atoms and each oxyalkylene radical can be any combination of repeating oxyalkylene units to form random or block copolymers; and R^4 is the same as R^2 and R^3 .

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

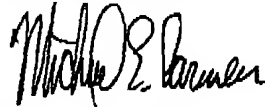
Claims 1-37 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claim 26 has been amended. Applicants have attached Appendix A hereto containing a marked up copy of original Claim 26. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to the subject application nor have any new issues been raised by this amendment. Moreover, it is submitted that the claims as now presented place the subject application in condition for immediate allowance.

Pursuant to a telephone discussion with the Examiner on November 4, 2002, the Examiner has noted that the Amendment filed on August 22, 2002 in response to the Office Action failed to address the rejection of Claims 26 and 27 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112. By this Amendment, Claim 26 has been amended in a manner believed to obviate

the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 26 and 27 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 is warranted and such is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, amended Claims 1-37 as presented herein are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Such early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

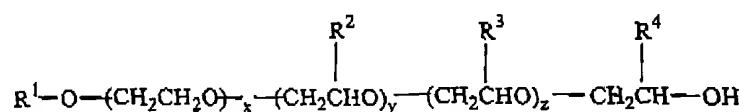


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APPENDIX AMARKED-UP VERSION OF CLAIM

26. (Amended) The method of Claim 25 wherein the carrier is a polyether alcohol of the general formula



wherein x is an integer from 0 to about 5, y is an integer from 1 to about 49 [preferably from about 5 to about 40 and more preferably from about 5 to about 10], z is an integer from 1 to about 49[, preferably from about 5 to about 40 and more preferably from about 5 to about 10] and the sum of x + y + z is equal to 3 to about 50; R¹ is an alkyl, an alicyclic or an alkylalicyclic radical having from about 4 to about 30 carbon atoms or an alkylaryl where the alkyl group is from about 4 to about 30 carbon atoms; R² and R³ each is different and is an alkyl group of from 1 to 4 carbon atoms and each oxyalkylene radical can be any combination of repeating oxyalkylene units to form random or block copolymers; and R⁴ is the same as R² and R³.